



# VERMONT - MACEDONIA

## 1993-2013



President: Viktor Yanukovich  
 Prime Min.: Mykola Azarov  
 MoD: Dmytro Salamatin  
 Amb. to US: Oleksandr Motsyk  
 US Amb: John F. Tefft  
 TAG: MG David Baldwin

NATO member: No

EU member: No

ISAF Pax: 24 (1/1/13)

2012 SPP Engagements: 6

Population: 44.9M (2012 est.)  
 Area: slightly smaller than Texas  
 Military Expend.: 1.5% GDP (2010 est.)



Photo by U.S. Air Force

### Overview

The partnership between the Vermont National Guard (VTNG) and the Army of the Republic of Macedonia (ARM) has flourished since its establishment in 1993.[2] In 2012, the VTNG was awarded the Macedonian Military Order of Merit by President Gjorge Ivanov, in appreciation of VTNG's commitment to the ARM. Vermont continues to support Macedonia's armed forces as their professionalism and capability increase.

### Partnership History

- 79 Macedonian soldiers co-deployed with the 86th IBCT (MTN) in OEF X.
- The President of Macedonia visited Vermont in September 2009.
- In 2012, President of Macedonia awarded Vermont National Guard with highest military decoration, the Military Order of Merit.
- 15 Military-to-Military (M2M) events scheduled for completion in 2013, to include the 2013 NATO Comprehensive Operations Planning Division (COPD) Logistical Exercise 2013, which will be held in Macedonia.
- Contention with Greece over constitutional name continues to challenge acceptance into EU/NATO.
- Macedonia continues to reform the Army to gain accession into NATO.

### Partnership History

The focus of the partnership is accession into NATO and the EU.

#### Military to Military (M2M):

- Continued commitment to reaching Security Cooperation Goals
- Continued support for Non Lethal Weapon capability and PKO deployments
- Support ARM Transformations for 2015 (Med Inf Btl Grp)
- Trilateral engagements (Vermont, Macedonia, Senegal)

2013 events include Operational Logistics, National Defense Organization and Cyber Security.



Photo by Capt. Elizabeth Colmarison



*"The Vermont National Guard looks forward to working with Macedonia on future endeavors as it strives to reach its NATO member goal." - Maj. Gen. Michael Dubie, former Adjutant General, Vermont National Guard*

